THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Loans are being raised by ONGC in the international market to meet the foreign exchange requirements and also for refinancing certain old costlier loans.

Increasing of coal production

1324. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Power Committee set up by Government to examine the working of Bharat Coking Coal Limited, a subsidiary of Coal India Limited, has observed that the wrong policy adopted by the CIL relating to work force is the major cause for low production;

(b) what were the other observations and suggestions made by the High Power Committee; and

(c) what were the steps taken by Government to increase production of coal with the existing conditions in the coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) In its report the Committee headed by Shri A. N. Banerjee, which examined the working of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., has *inter alia*, observed that despite large overall manpower in Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. there is underutilisation of timerated employees due to an imbalance which has to be corrected by recruitment of piecerated miners, a process already started by the Company.

The Committee has made about 170 recommendations/observations regarding production, productivity, utilisation of machinery management, project implementation, washeries, perspective plan and Jharia Coalfield reconstruction, fire projects, sand availability, coal and sand transportation, finance, fire, land and power etc.

Various measures being adpoted to increase production and productivity in coal companies include investment in new mines, fuller utilisation of mining capacity already created, more efficient use and better maintenance of equipment, stricter control of inventory and economy in the use of stores, better use of manpower by controlling absenteeism enforcing discipline and identification of surplus workers and their redeployment after suitable training, better availability of scare inputs like explosives, timber etc., expeditious and timely completion of new projects and improvement in law and order situation.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

The land acquisition (companies amendment) rules, 1986.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 55 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Rural Development) Notification G.S.R. No. 1150(E), dated the 15th October, 1986, publishing the Land Acquisition (Companies) (Amendment) Rules, 1986. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3217/86].

I. Report and Account (1985-86) of the Madras Refineries Limited, Madras and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Lubrizol India Limited Bombay and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts of (1985-86) of the Engineers India Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Twentieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Madras Refineries Limited, Madras, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and the Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-3230/86 for (a) and (b)].

(ii) (a) Twentieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Lubrizol India Limited, Bombay, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and the Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-3232/86 for (a) and (b)].

(iii) (a) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Engineers India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-3237/86 for (a) and (b)].

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), together with Explanatory Memoranda thereon:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 1189(E), dated the 6th November, 1986, exempting dicalcium phosphate conforming to I.S. specification No. 5470-1969, and intended for use as an ingredient in the manufacture of animal feed supplements, from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 1190(E), dated the 6th November, 1986, omitting the entries against S. No. 11 of the Table annexed to Government Notification No. 40/85-Central Excises, dated the 17th March, 1985, necessitated by the issue of Government Notification G.S.R. No. 1189(E), dated the 6th November, 1986.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 1191(E), dated the 6th November, 1986, exempting thorium hydroxide manufactured by Indian Rare Earths Limited, from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon.

(iv) G.S.R No. 1192(E), dated the 6th November, 1986, exempting 'Gudaku' falling under sub-heading No. 2404.90 of the Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985, from so much of the duty of excise leviable thereon, as is equivalent to the duty of excise already paid on tobocco powder falling under the same sub-heading of the said Schedule and used in the manufacture thereof.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-3221/86 for (i) to (iv)].

I. Report, (1985-86) of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks

II. Notification of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Company Affairs).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks for the year 1985-86, under section 126 of the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-3170/86].

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Company Affairs), Notification G.S.R. No. 742, dated the 13th September, 1986, rescinding Notification G.S.R. No. 2763, dated the 15th December, 1969, delegating the powers of the Central Government under Section 108(ID) of tht said Act to the Regional Directors, of the Company Law Board at Bombay,